

STATE OF IOWA  
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE  
UTILITIES BOARD

IN RE:  INTERSTATE POWER AND LIGHT COMPANY AND LINN COUNTY RURAL ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE	DOCKET NO. SPU-04-11
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**ORDER GRANTING PETITION FOR MODIFICATION  
OF SERVICE AREA BOUNDARIES**

(Issued May 14, 2004)

On April 16, 2004, Interstate Power and Light Company (IPL) and Linn County Rural Electric Cooperative (Linn County) filed a joint petition for modification of electric service area boundaries pursuant to 199 IAC 20.3(9). A service area agreement between IPL and Linn County was attached to the petition. No objections to the petition were filed.

IPL and Linn County have agreed to a clarification of boundaries and an exchange of service territory and request the Board modify the service territory boundaries between the two utilities in Linn County, Iowa. The following service territory is to be served by IPL:

Bowman Woods Unit Thirty-Three lots 1203, 1277, and lots 1287 through 1292 located in the South Half (S1/2) of the Southwest Quarter (SW1/4) of the Southeast Quarter (SE1/4) of Section 26, and the North Half (N1/2) of the Northwest Quarter (NW1/4) of the Northeast Quarter (NE1/4) of Section 35, Township 84 North, Range 7 West of the 5<sup>th</sup> P.M., Linn County, Iowa.

The following service territory is to be served by Linn County:

Bowman Woods Unit Thirty-Three lots 1173 through 1179, lots 1184, 1240, and 1292 located in the South Half (S1/2) of the Southeast Quarter (SE1/4) of Section 26, and the North Half (N1/2) of the Northwest Quarter (NW1/4) of the Northeast Quarter (NE1/4) of Section 35, Township 84 North, Range 7 West of the 5<sup>th</sup> P.M., Linn County, Iowa.

In support of the petition, IPL and Linn County state that the Bowman Woods Unit Thirty-Three subdivision has been platted so that the existing electric service territory bisects several lots of the subdivision. IPL and Linn County propose to clarify and modify their respective service territories within the subdivision to coincide with the platted lot lines. This will reduce confusion as the lots are sold and developed. There are no existing customers in the areas being exchanged.

Iowa Code § 476.25 (2003) provides in pertinent part:

Contracts between electric utilities to designate service areas and customers to be served by the electric utility or for the exchange of customers between electric utilities, when approved by the board, shall be valid and enforceable and shall be incorporated into the appropriate exclusive service areas established pursuant to subsection 1 of this section. The board shall approve a contract if it finds that the contract will eliminate or avoid unnecessary duplication of facilities, will provide adequate electric service to all areas and customers affected, will promote the efficient and economical use and development of the electric systems of the contracting electric utilities, and is in the public interest.

The Board will grant the IPL and Linn County joint petition for modification of service area boundaries. IPL and Linn County have alleged facts that establish the proposed modification is in the public interest, will prevent unnecessary duplication of

facilities, provide adequate electric service to all customers affected, and will promote the efficient and economical use of electrical systems, pursuant to Iowa Code § 476.25.

**IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:**

The joint petition for modification of electric service area boundaries filed by Interstate Power and Light Company and Linn County Rural Electric Cooperative on April 16, 2004, is granted, subject to complaint or investigation.

**UTILITIES BOARD**

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/s/ Mark O. Lambert

ATTEST:

/s/ Judi K. Cooper  
Executive Secretary

/s/ Elliott Smith

Dated at Des Moines, Iowa, this 14<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2004.